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STRANDED RNA INHIBITION  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**A full set of claims** is presented for the convenience of the Examiner beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.